

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 427

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Daniel Waddell upon a championship year in both wrestling and academics.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful student-athletes who, through their talent and dedication to excellence, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding honor student and athlete is Daniel Waddell of Baylor School in Chattanooga, who in addition to maintaining an A average, has won the individual state championship in wrestling this year for the second time; he has previously achieved individual state championship runner-up honors, while posting a career record of 148-13; and

WHEREAS, the son of parents Joe and Virginia Waddell, Daniel Waddell has earned a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga wrestling scholarship; he has ably followed in his father's footsteps, as Joe Waddell was an outstanding wrestler and team captain for his beloved Blue Raiders of Cleveland High School and, like his son, earned a wrestling scholarship to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, under the able guidance and support of Baylor School Wrestling Coach Jim Morgan, as well as Baylor assistant coaches, Daniel Waddell has led his team to many accomplishments, including an extraordinary 23-3 record during the 2006-2007 wrestling season during which he served as team captain; Mr. Waddell's outstanding talents and leadership have helped his team win four consecutive traditional state championships and four state championships with the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, including the 2007 title; and

WHEREAS, named State Dual Champions for a total of seven times, including twice consecutively, Mr. Waddell's team has earned the designation of Traditional State Champions seven times as well, including five consecutively; and

WHEREAS, his team took home State runner-up honors in both the 2007 Traditional and Duals state tournaments, and extended their home winning streak to fourteen years with 105 State wins; and

WHEREAS, one of the most demanding sports, wrestling is also one of the oldest sporting competitions, tracing its roots to the ancient Greeks and the earliest Olympic games; and

WHEREAS, an athlete blessed with uncommon strength and endurance, Daniel Waddell epitomizes all that is good in today's student-athlete, as he has achieved a high level of success in sports, while evincing great character both on and off the wrestling mat; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Waddell represents the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and the members of this legislative body should specially recognize and commend the tremendous accomplishments of one of Tennessee's most exceptional youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Daniel Waddell upon his academic triumphs and wrestling prowess, praise his hard work and dedication as an individual and team state champion in wrestling, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.